

veral of his friends, and he cannot withdraw with honor to himself.

We are quite sure that the present member, Mr. Woods, who, we learn, does not intend to offer again, will gladly assist to return one whose efforts were principally instrumental in securing his own seat.

Mr. Richardson's talents and parliamentary experience are admitted, and particularly qualify him for a distinguished position in the House at this epoch.

PUBLIC DELINQUENTS.

When, in the first number of this paper, we took occasion to remark on the infamous manner in which the Courts of Justice were converted from the uses to which they were originally assigned, and, in illustration, offered the case of an individual who had been most improperly admitted to bail, under the perfect understanding that he would not appear to take his trial for an offence, for neglect connected with which, we have reason to know, his principal employer here was severely taken to task by the proper authorities in England; we were told, and, at the time, that that paragraph would be the means of depriving the paper of some fifty subscribers, who would else have put their names down to it. This exhibits a pleasant moral state of society truly; but incredible as it may appear, we have reason to believe that the warning which we then received was correct. We shall again allude to the subject when we have had an opportunity of perusing certain files of a newspaper, in which the conduct of the employe. in question is, as we understand, alluded to in no very approving terms.

COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS.

The last news from England has had an invigorating effect on the commercial speculators in this country. We are glad to hear that the well-known and influential house of Cringan & Logan have been especially benefited by the rapid rise in breadstuffs at home. Liberal men like these deserve all the good that fortune can bestow upon them.

But, although the price of flour has been quoted at a very high rate (thirty-four shillings) by the last mail, letters have been received, announcing the almost certainty of its rising much higher. Forty shillings and upwards have, we understand, been received, and this in consequence of the almost universal failure of the crop throughout the whole of Europe.

TACT VERSUS PRUDENCE; OR, THE JUVENILE SWINDLER:

A Tale (not a Mystery) of Montreal.

Oh! how we sneer to see the over-cautions, over-prudent man, whose god is gold, who lives, and breathes, and moves but in the magic circle of the hoards of precious metal with which he has surrounded himself, as though he were to exist for ever to indulge the lust of his eye in their contemplation! How, we repeat, do we love to see such a man out-

witted, and his strongest calculations set at naught!

But what has this to do with our subject? We were about to narrate a case of swindling, and we have lost ourselves in a fit of reflection which is appropos to nothing. Let us then confine ourselves to the matter in question.

Hear, reader, and confess amazement while you hear: Two of the richest French-Canadian merchants, one of whom with difficulty could be induced to embark his money, even in furtherance of his own possible interests, in the railway recently projected, (and which, by the way, is only not commenced because the shareholders evince so much reluctance in obeying the calls that are made on them for their subscriptions,) and who, it might have been supposed, would have scrutinized a stranger from head to foot before advancing him a shilling, except on the best security, have been completely taken in and out-manœuvred by a mere stripling, whose plausible manner has put all their penetration at fault. The following are the particulars.

Upwards of two months ago, a young man of about three-and-twenty years of age, with nothing very remarkable in his appearance, arrived in this city, furnished with letters of introduction (written of course by himself) to the parties to whom we allude. He represented himself as the son of a junior partner in a well-known commercial house in Manchester, and so contrived to ingratiate himself in the favor of the prudent and reputed millionaire, whom even railroad enterprise could not seduce into a possibility of serious risk, that the latter was most profuse in offering him whatever money he might require. This the diffident stripling very modestly accepted, until in the end he had honored the liberal profferer by disencumbering him, all liabilities included, of about £120, or nearly five additional shares of the railway. The other party scarcely less profuse in his offers of service, enjoyed the honor of purveying to the necessities, or rather extravagancies, of the youth in a less degree. The money the latter condescended to receive from him, did not, including liabilities, amount to more than £50, or two railway shares.

A certain fashionable tailor had decked the outward form of the juvenile to the tune of some twenty pounds, and he having been introduced by a son of one of the duped parties, the latter of course became liable. A well-known jeweller has, moreover, furnished his contribution in the shape of two handsome gold watches and a chain, the united value of which are some £30 pounds. Nor, indeed, has the emporium of a certain well-known haberdasher failed, at the instance of the charming youth, to pour forth its richest silks for the adornment of the persons of certain of the frail sisterhood, with whom this gay deceiver of young and old seems to have been not less a favorite than with some others of a more elevated position in the Montreal social scale.

The proprietor of the first and most fashionable hotel in this city has, moreover, been a sufferer, but to a more limited extent; for so

wisely had this innocent looking stranger arranged his plans and secured his retreat, that he only took his meals at the house, and so carefully concealed his place of residence, even from those who were most intimate with him, that it is not yet known.

The winter was setting in, and the delicate youth could no longer endure the horrid changes of the Canadian climate at this season of the year. He tore himself away, after condescending to receive the last money that was offered to him, and has gone, it is supposed, where he may be beyond the reach of the importunities of those obliging friends who are naturally interested in the return of one to whom all had been so partial.

Liking change of scene, as he does, and a variety in his acquaintance—it is a bore always to see the same faces—it is by no means improbable that the interesting youth is enjoying, through his inexhaustible letters of recommendation, the profits of a tour through the United States.—Communicated.

MINES ON LAKE SUPERIOR.—It will be seen, by the subjoined analysis of specimens of ore sent to England, that the most sanguine expectations may be entertained, regarding the lately discovered mineral wealth of those districts of Canada, bordering on the North shores of Lake Superior. The specimens assayed were, we are informed, from five separate localities belonging to the "Montreal Mining Company," and we understand that, more recently, other locations have been found, which abound in ores of a still richer character. A rich and extensive field is thus opened for capital and enterprise, which, we are happy to find, is being prudently, but with energy, directed towards this new feature in the natural resources of our favored country. During the past summer, well organized exploring parties have been at work, and as their return to Montreal is daily expected, we trust we shall soon have it in our power to communicate to the public, full and authentic particulars of their success:—

ASSAY OFFICE, GRESHAM STREET,
London, Sept. 2, 1846.

The four samples of minerals, examined for Messrs. James Shears & Sons, give (by experiment upon the whole quantity of each sample sent), the following results:—

No. 1.—Copper.—85 per cent.
2.— " —73 " "
3.— " —61 " "
4.— " —16 " "
and about 44 per cent of silver.

JONXSON & SONS.

Sir George Simpson is again returned among us, from the North-West. Since the 8th of May, Sir George has travelled from this to Red River, from Red River to York Factory on Hudson's Bay and back, and lastly from Red River to this, by way of St. Peters on the Mississippi, and the State of Michigan. On his return from York Factory to Red River, Sir George was accompanied by Colonel Crofton, the commanding officer of the detachment destined to garrison this secluded settlement of the North-West, who had been selected for the interesting task by his Grace the Duke of Wel-